



● Jack Piper Is Latest High School Star.

● TORRANCE . . . on Review

Municipal playground, 9 acres, including night baseball.

Six school playgrounds, totaling over 18 acres.

Private playgrounds at industrial plants.

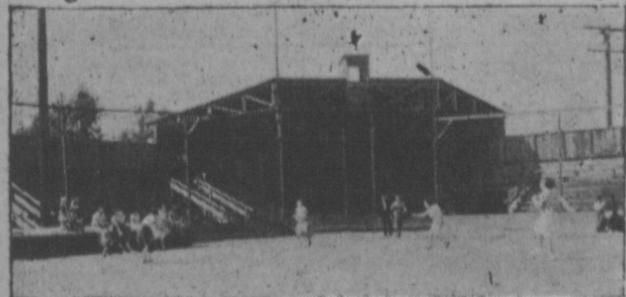
Pistol range, archery course, quoits among unusual provisions.

Ocean beaches, golf courses within ten minutes drive.

Almost any kind of recreational activity within short distance of city.



● A Champion Archer Teaches the Boys.



● The Girls Try It by Day While . . .



● Men Play Ball at Night.

HEALTH for Its Citizens

From Quoits to Football,
or Archery to Baseball,
Torrance Provides . . .

MODERN cities are concerned with the problem of keeping the streets clear for traffic. And one of the most important factors in its solution is that of adequate playgrounds for children.

Torrance provides at least seven sites for this purpose, three of which are developed on large tracts, primarily for the use of children. The others are in connection with smaller schools of the city. In all, playground area is about 28 acres.

Municipal Playground

LARGEST of the group is the municipal park, where nine acres of the 19 in the tract are set aside for play. Equipped with apparatus for the use of tots from 2 to 22 (and more), this most attractive site is the natural play-center of the city. Its enclosed baseball field is equipped with lights for night games, making it exceptionally adaptable to the needs of Torrance's industrial workers. The city's own baseball league plays a summer schedule of double-headers, two evenings a week, to which the public is admitted without charge, while the grounds are used for games at other times, particularly Sunday afternoons, with Torrance teams meeting those from other communities. A thousand spectators can view the games from the terraced grandstand.

Ready for Whole Family

OTHER sports for which provision is made at the municipal playground are tennis, archery and quoits or "horse-shoes," while fun for the children is provided by swings, horizontal bars and seesaws. Nearby are the attractive public fireplaces and the huge barbecue pit, large enough to roast a whole steer at a time. Coupled with the spacious reaches of the park's lawns or in the latticed picnic house, a whole family can enjoy itself in healthful outdoor recreation from early morn 'til late at night.

More particularly planned for the use of school children and their sports are the playgrounds at Torrance High school and Torrance Elementary school, occupying approximately five and seven acres, respectively. Here are the tracks on which Torrance's prospects for Olympic games won their

first honors. Here is the football field where Torrance develops future champions for varsity teams of Southern California's big universities.

At Other Schools

SMALLER in area but by no means to be ignored are the playgrounds at the other schools. Fern Avenue has about three acres for the children, while Perry school devotes nearly an acre to their health and happiness. At Waleria a special purchase of extra space provided half an acre for the youngsters, while there are probably two acres or more for the use of the children who attend Moneta's Japanese private school.

In addition to these sites which are, more or less, for the use of Torrance children, several of the industrial plants have their own athletic fields, largest of which is that at the Columbia Steel plant.

Ocean Beaches

BUT THERE are other types of recreation for which Torrance makes provision, either directly within the city or at close hand. In the Hollywood Riviera tract, lying within the city limits, there is nearly a mile of ocean beach, extending to the sheltered Malaga Cove. For those who prefer the less rugged beaches the neighboring cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach on the west and northwest; and Long Beach to the southeast may be reached in a five to thirty-minute drive.

Even those who favor the sea as a support for yachts, yawls and other boats have but a short distance to travel. For in addition to the facilities at Long Beach—where were held the nautical events of the 1932 Olympic Games—a new harbor is about to be built at Torrance's next-door neighbor, Redondo Beach.

Torrance has no golf course within its limits, yet the sporty links at Palos Verdes is just across the line. Other courses are found in many of the nearby cities and surrounding territory.

Rifle, Revolver, Too

TORRANCE is proud of her marksmen. True to the traditions of the old west, many of her marksmen can shoot the spots from a card, or wound

the buffalo on a nickel at a distance of 25 yards with a pistol, or 200 yards with a rifle. For these men—and women—a practice range has been built just south of the principal business and industrial district, and here the spa-a-a-t of bullets is commonly heard as the crack shots improve their scores and others endeavor to win their way into the charmed circle of experts.

Whatever your sport, Torrance is ready for you.

Symphonic Orchestra Wins Praise

ORGANIZED a little over a year ago, Torrance Symphonic Orchestra has won acclaim as a splendid musical organization.

Composed of over 30 musicians under the baton of George N. Mershon, this group gave its first concert April 26, 1935, at the Woman's club. The city council immediately arranged for a series of four free concerts, which were followed by a winter season of four concerts sponsored by the chamber of commerce, city council, 30 business houses in Torrance and civic and social leaders. Soloists presented included Neena Gifford, of Florida; William Matchan, of Hollywood; Hazel Newman and Mme. Teala Billini, Torrance's own concert pianist.

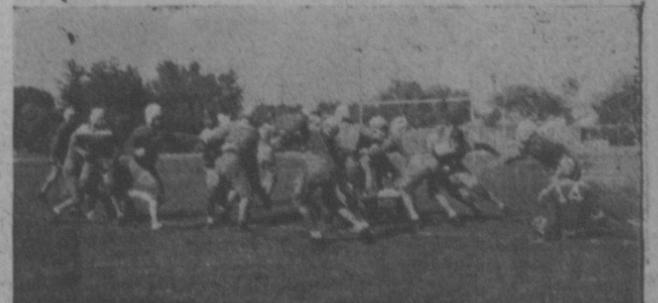
A further series of concerts is planned, for production in the new auditorium. The orchestra will play at the dedication exercises, Saturday.

Giant Redwood 2400 Feet Deep

Drillers sometimes run into other things besides sand and hard rock. One of the most unusual cores ever attained was found near Torrance in 1924 when a drill crew from the Superior Oil Co. ran right through the heart of a giant redwood tree, 2400 feet below the surface of the ground and, apparently, standing just as it had in nature.



● "On Your Marks; Get Set . . ."



● Football in the Spring.